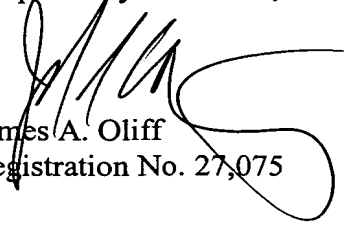


**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 36 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the abstract and claims 1 - 36 are amended to eliminate the reference numerals.. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Oliff  
Registration No. 27,075

Joel S. Armstrong  
Registration No. 36,430

JAO:JSA/per

Attachment:  
Abstract

Date: April 4, 2006

**OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC**  
**P.O. Box 19928**  
**Alexandria, Virginia 22320**  
**Telephone: (703) 836-6400**

<p><b>DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE AUTHORIZATION</b> Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461</p>
---